

Whidbey Equestrian Center 2010 General Rules



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ACCOMMODATIONS & CAMPING:

- Parking for campers and motor homes is available. No showers, utility, or electrical hookups available. Toilets are available. There are NO fees for camping during the show.
- Unless otherwise posted, gas barbecue permitted. NO wood, briquette, open or pit fires allowed at any show.
- A variety of hotel/motel accommodations can be found at www.donothinghere.com or www.coupevillelodging.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS; Class announcements and ride time announcements are a courtesy to the exhibitor and not all shows provide or have the capability of public address announcements. Exhibitor's are responsible for presenting themselves to the ring at their designated time and accept the full responsibility for doing so. Ring stewards will also make every effort to keep people informed and entering the ring in a timely fashion. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the correct show time and their scheduled performance time irregardless of PA announcements or ring stewards. No protests will be upheld, nor ride time changed due to failure of the exhibitor to meet their responsibilities.

ARENAS:

- All tests will be ridden in a standard size outdoor 20m x 60m competition arena with either hog fuel (cedar) or sand footing. Warm-up will be in a 20m x 60m covered arena with hog fuel (cedar) footing, or a 150 ft x 260 ft outdoor arena with hog fuel/sand footing.
- Competition arenas are closed at 5 PM. the day prior to the competition date. Horses are not permitted in or around the competition arena on any show day, except for the competitor's ride time.
- For the safety of all participants and observers, only the horse and rider are allowed in the arenas or warm-up areas.
- No one on foot will be allowed in designated warm-up arenas. All warm-ups in grassy areas must be done at least 20 meters (60 feet) from the competition arenas and judges' boxes.

AWARDS and Prizes:

- For Classes with sufficient number of competitors, positional ribbons up to FIVE places. If a Class is held with less than three entries, no award will be presented. Ribbons and awards will be determined and presented at the completion of each class.
- Competitor classes with ties involving prize money shall remain tied for the purpose of dividing prize money but may be broken for the awarding of ribbons. In the case of equality of points, the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner.

BEDDING: Bedding material is dried wood chips. **First** bale of bedding **IS** provided. Please indicate any additional number of bales requested on the show entry form. Additional bedding is available by the bale from the Show Secretary at the price listed or the current market price. Bedding requested by 3 PM to be delivered the evening of that day. Bedding request after 3 PM will have bedding delivered by 8 AM the following day.

Please – do not bring straw!!

CLASS CHANGES:

- Competitor can request a class change and management reserves the right to accommodate individual class/schedule changes subject to availability. Any, and all, class changes must be in writing it is preferred that they be mailed/faxed to WEC. Class changes by email are discouraged. Entry changes by phone message will not be accepted. A \$10.00 fee will be assessed per change per class for each change.
- **Classes** may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the prize lists. The Show Management reserves the right to cancel, combine or divide classes for award purposes when less than three horses are entered. Show Management also reserves the right to change the order of the classes as they are listed in the prize list, including changing a class to a different day. Competitors in changed classes will be notified.

COACH or TRAINER:

- A coach is defined as "any adult or adults who receive remuneration for having or sharing the responsibility for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advising a rider, driver, handler or vaulter in equestrian skills."

- A **trainer** is defined as any adult who has responsibility for the horse on the competition grounds and must sign the entry form
- Anyone coaching on the grounds must sign the entries of all exhibitors being coached and provide proof of USEF membership, or pay the nonmember and/or discipline fee(s).
- At WEC, Coaching must be done from OUTSIDE of the arena, and in such a way as not to impact the other riders.
**** NO COACHING BETWEEN THE END OF THE COVERED ARENA AND RING ONE. ** NO LOUD/AUDIBLE COACHING IS ALLOWED IN THE DESIGNATED WARM-UP AREAS **.**

CONCESSIONS: Food and concessions will be available on the show grounds during normal show hours.

Concession times will be posted at the concession booth. Please be mindful of the health regulations: NO dogs are allowed near the concession stand or in the covered concession area.

DIRECTIONS:

WEC is located 0.5 mile south of Coupeville, or 26 miles north of Clinton. The facility is on the east side of Hwy 20.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION (Mandatory): Emergency contact information for the rider must be completed on the entry blank and kept up to date for show duration. Emergency information must also be posted on the horse's stall.

ENTRY INFORMATION

- (a) Each show listed in this Omnibus state an OPENING and RECEIVED BY (CLOSING) DATE for the show entry. Entries received before the opening date may be returned.
- (b) MAILED Entries received on the opening date and before the closing date will be accepted unless show becomes oversubscribed. If the show is oversubscribed, entries will be limited and will be accepted in the postmark date order received. WEC is not responsible for entries "dropped-off" at either the show office or the facility residence.
- (c) The entry form is valid for only one show and CAN NOT be used for multiple show entries. A complete separate show entry form is required for each horse/rider combination.
- (d) Entry form must have exhibitor's email address CLEARLY printed.
- (e) No junior's entry will be accepted without signatures by a parent or guardian. The signature of an instructor, coach, trainer, agent or other unrelated persons will NOT be accepted.
- (f) All entries must have owner, rider, trainer, guardian and coach signatures in ink or they will be returned.
- (g) A COPY OF ALL APPROPRIATE USEF & USDF MEMBERSHIP CARDS, (OWNER, AGENT, LEASE, RIDER, TRAINER, & COACH) HORSE REGISTRATIONS AND REQUIRED PREREQUISITE TEST MUST ACCOMPANY EVERY ENTRY. The horse, owner and rider information must be identical on all submitted USEF and USDF membership cards AND Horse registrations/HID information on the entry form. Horses must be entered in qualifying classes under their official recorded names and ownership, and transfers of ownership or lease registrations must be completed in compliance with USEF rules prior to the competition.
- (h) All MAILED entry forms must be accompanied by check with full payment.
- (i) Entries are not accepted by phone or e-mail.
- (j) Faxed Entries:
 - Faxed entries accepted provided a valid credit card is included to reserve/hold space until original entry and check arrives.
 - Faxed entries include an additional \$10.00 faxed entry fee per entry.
 - All faxed entries shall include credit card number, card type, cardholder signature and expiration date. Faxed entries will be accepted after all MAILED entries.
 - Faxed entries that are subsequently scratched (or a no-show) are responsible for paying their show fees. Unpaid faxed entries are the same as RETURNED CHECKS and submitted to USEF.
- (k) Each entry submitted and received without ALL required information, legible documentation copies or signatures will be considered to be an incomplete entry. Incomplete entries are charged an additional \$15.00 per entry and is payable at competition check-in. Copies of all memberships/registrations, and a copy of the freestyle test are required with each entry.
- (l) Incorrect or incomplete entries may be returned with an additional \$5.00 mail fee applied to the re-entry.
- (m) Any change to an entry (horse, rider, handler) will require a completely new entry form and a change fee of \$25.00.
- (n) Post entries will be taken as scheduling/space permits, or in the case of scratches or cancellations. Post entries accepted if rides are available, class fee plus \$10.00. Requests for post entry must be done by 3:00 p.m. the day before the test.
- (o) Management reserves the right to accept late entries if space allows after closing date for the show or in case of cancellations. Late entries (entries with post mark after the closing date) will be treated as a post entry (Class fee + 10.00).

- (p) If test number and/or FEI description is not indicated on the entry, test will be assigned the highest test for the class. A horse/rider combination may enter each Test of Choice class only once. Any change in test choice after class is scheduled will be charged a \$10.00 post entry fee.
- (q) A USEF Fee of \$15.00 per horse will be remitted with the entry. From this fee, \$8.00 is for administration and \$7.00 is an Equine Drugs and Medication fee to provide for research, inspection, and enforcement of rules regarding use of medications and drugs. This fee is remitted to USEF.
- (r) Competitor's notification to cancel their show entry must be faxed to (360) 678-8852. Cancellations by E-mail or phone message are not accepted for cancellation.

CHECK-IN: All exhibitors or representatives must check in with the Show Office at least 45 minutes PRIOR to their FIRST class for the show. Exhibitors that have not checked in will be considered a NO-SHOW and be scratched for the rest of the show.

EXHIBITOR OR COMPETITOR RESPONSIBILITY:

- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have read the 2010 omnibus.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to verify the accuracy of test scores. Any scoring errors must be reported to the Show Secretary and/or assistant within one hour of the last ridden test for that class. Failure to report any errors within allowed time will mean the error will not be corrected and there will be no change in class placing.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to indicate to the Show Management if they are NOT eligible to compete under a specific Judge. No refund will be allowed if this is not indicated regarding a listed judge.
- If the judge has been added/changed, show management will make every effort to make adjustments to schedules as long as we are notified 72 hours BEFORE the first date of competition.
- All horses, non-competing horses and/or schooling horses, on the show grounds must be appropriately entered and wear the exhibitor's show number at all times during the show weekend.
- All riders, owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage caused by them, their agents, their horses, or their employees to stalls, buildings, and other properties on the show grounds and shall be billed accordingly.
- **Attention Competitors:** Each competitor is responsible for supplying the show management with the correct and required association numbers of USDF and/or USEF for the horse, owner, rider, coaches, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not count towards national awards. The proof of these numbers must be in the form of either their actual membership/registration cards or a facsimile of them. Members that are unable to produce the memberships cards/registrations or a facsimile will be asked to sign an affidavit and pay an affidavit fee. All entries are taken on a first come, first served basis. Some shows return late arriving entries after the show is filled, and some shows place entries on a wait list on an as-received basis. Please check each show for any additional policies. Send in the entries as soon as possible to assure entry to the show. **Only one horse-rider combination per entry form per show.**

FACILITY RULES:

- All children under the age of 13 must be chaperoned by an adult at all times.
- **Dogs -- WEC IS NOT AN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK!** Dogs must be kept on leashes with a person, crated, or kenneled at all times. Dogs are to be in the STABLING AREA ONLY are to be supervised. NO DOGS AT THE CONCESSION STAND OR IN THE SPECTATOR SEATING AREAS! Show Management reserves the right to ask participants who do not follow the "dog-rules" and/or participants with unruly, disruptive, or dangerous dogs to leave the competition WITHOUT refund for all show fees.
- Trainers -- Lessons and/or clinics ARE NOT to be conducted on the show grounds during any competition in this Omnibus. Lessons and clinics are beyond the scope of "coaching".
- Lunging permitted in designated areas only. No lunging in the indoor (covered) arena at any time for the duration of the competition INCLUDING from your time of arrival at the facility. No lunging in the competition arenas.
- NO SMOKING on the show grounds, barns, arena or stabling areas.
- Competitor parking is at the stabling area as designated. KEEP THE FIRE LANES CLEAR! LIMITED parking is available at the Show Office is **RESERVED** for farrier, veterinarian, show staff and/or persons who need assistance. All cars parked at the show office need to have contact information posted in car window.
- Stallions must be attended at all times. Stallions will be assigned permanent stalls as space allows.
- For all horses, either bridle tags or Show Entry Number must be worn at all times when the horse is being exercised or ridden.

Great American/USDF Qualifying Classes: Please indicate that the class is to count for qualifying by placing a **Q** after the class number. Qualifying will not require a separate ride. An exhibitor riding in the Open, Adult Amateur, or Junior/Young rider classes will pay an additional \$10 USDF fee to have this score entered in the Great American/USDF qualifying division at that level.

HAUL-INS: All horses brought to the show grounds for competition that are not staying overnight. There is limited shade in the parking areas. All horses hauled-in for competition are \$15.00 per day, per horse. All haul-ins that are competing must complete the entry form, pay appropriate fees, and meet all other show requirements.

Hazardous Weather/Accident/Acts of God, and Emergency Policy: Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, acts of God, accidents or emergencies. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to any Championship or qualifying classes being offered. No refunds for cancellations due to hazardous weather, acts of God, accidents or emergencies.

Health Papers: Riders should be aware that Interstate Health Papers are required to be in your vehicle when attending shows not within their home state. Some states also require health papers when transporting between facilities within the same state. Please contact your state veterinarian office for further information.

HORSE RECORDING NUMBERS: Every horse entered in these shows must have an identification number. If you are riding Qualifying classes these must be USDF Lifetime numbers and a USEF annual or lifetime numbers. If NOT riding qualifying classes. The number may be a USDF HID & USEF HID. If you have used an annual USEF number in the past, this will suffice for USEF, but you must have at least a USDF HID number. Leases must be registered with both USEF and USDF.

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS:

- Show Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of any incident in the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by Show Management and the Show Management's decision shall be final.
- The Management reserves the right to change, cancel or combine any classes, to reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors, or to change rings or rotate, add or vary officials.
- Show management also reserves the right to add or substitute Judges as required. It is the rider's responsibility to notify to Show Management if they are NOT eligible to show for a substitute or added judge.
- Show Management reserves the right to vary or add officials and refuse any entry for a cause; to disqualify any exhibitor and/or his or her horse for cause; to cause an exhibitor to forfeit his or her ribbons and winnings for cause; to return any entry and/or stall fee before or during the show for cause; all without being liable for damage or compensation. Show management reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary for the safe and efficient conduct of this competition.

MEMBERSHIP

- All participants who do not provide a copy of their current membership cards with the show entry, or are unable to produce the card(s) when registering at the competition, will be asked to complete a Horse and/or Membership Affidavit and pay appropriate USDF/USEF fees. Remember, membership must include a declaration of discipline (Dressage or Platinum Membership) or pay a discipline participation fee to USEF.
- **Non-U.S. Citizens and Foreign Competitors** must provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their respective National Federation, or hold current membership in good standing with the USEF.
- **Special Non-Membership Notice:** Non-members may apply for USEF & USDF membership at the show office, prior to commencing exhibition classes. Payment of the required fees and completion of a special membership application form makes this possible for points to count. HOWEVER, horse recordings are not changed and not effective until the forms and fees are received in Lexington KY. Riders or owners may apply for horse recordings at the show office. For points to count, application must be made on first day of show. If after first day, points count ONLY after recording received at show office.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE:

- **Freestyle Entry:** In order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of **60%** in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF Recognized Competition. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class.
- Participant entry must specify test level on entry. If no level is specified, the highest level will be used.
- It is the responsibility of the rider to have a CD submitted to the Show Secretary at least four (4) hours prior to Freestyle. Rider name must be on CD. If possible, times for testing music will be posted at the show office.
- It is the responsibility of the rider to pick up their music at the completion of the Freestyle class. Management will not be responsible for music left after the closing of the Show.

NO SHOWS (or Scratches):

- All "No Shows" that have not checked in with the show office a minimum of 45-minutes prior to their first ride and picked up their exhibitor number will be considered as scratch for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled. No refunds for scratched entries or classes. A \$15.00 scratch fee will be assessed.
- No exhibitor may withdraw horses from a licensed show after it has commenced, or remove them from the show grounds without permission of the show secretary.

NON-COMPETING HORSES (including Schooling Horses and Companion Horses): Non-competing horses will be accepted on a space-available basis. Any participant's horse(s) not competing, but on the show grounds, must: (1) complete an entry signed by rider, parent, owner/lessee, coach and trainer; (2) pickup and wear an Exhibitor's number; and a \$30.00 schooling fee (per horse per day).

OPPORTUNITY CLASSES

- Per USEF rule GR821, dressage classes can be offered as "Opportunity" classes at recognized dressage competitions. These classes are for entry level riders and are offered based on the Level of the show.
- All USEF Dressage Division (DR) rules apply, including dress and saddlery requirements, in addition to all applicable General Rules, such as Drugs & Medications.
- USEF Drugs & Medications - Per Rule GR821.3 & .4, horses entered only in "opportunity" classes are exempt from the Federation fee, including the Drugs & Medications fee. However, horses entered in these classes are still subject to and must comply with all D&M rules and are subject to testing at the competition.
- Horses and riders participating in "Opportunity" classes are exempt from Federation and affiliate organization membership and Horse Identification (HID) requirements and non-member fees as well as the \$15 USEF fee.
- Adult Amateurs – per Rule GR821.5, if an "opportunity" class is restricted to Amateurs, then the rider must have an amateur status on file with USEF or pay the \$30 non-member amateur card fee.
- Horses and/or riders/drivers/handlers entered in "Opportunity" Classes may cross enter into the recognized classes, however all applicable fees and membership requirements apply for horse, rider, owner, trainer, etc. (See GR901.9 for more information.)

PARA EQUESTRIAN CLASSES: (International Paralympic Equestrian Committee Classes) For riders with a disability who compete under the guidelines as a Para Equestrian. For further information - please review the guidelines as outlined on the USDF Website.

PROTESTS: See GR 602 and GR 603.

PRIZELIST: The official prizelist is posted on the website at www.ridewec.com. Changes to the prizelist can take place up until the closing date of the competition.

REFUNDS:

For ALL cancellations, the Office Fee and USEF Fee are not refundable. Except for the Office Fee, refunds of class entry and stabling fees for competitor cancellation are as follows:

- (a) No Show Fees will be refunded if the rider is not eligible to show for the listed Judge in the Omnibus.
- (b) Prior to or on the closing date: **100% of entry less the office fee and \$25.00 cancellation fee** if the WRITTEN AND SIGNED cancellation is received. Phone calls, messages and e-mail notification will not be accepted as cancellation.
- (c) After the closing date, upon presentation of a signed and dated Veterinarian or Doctor's certificate, there will be a refund of 50% of the class fees, 50% of the stabling or tack stall fees, 100% of any USDF qualifying fees, and 100% of any haul-in fees. The Veterinarian or Doctor's certificate must be received before noon of the Monday before the opening of the show office to be considered for the refunds listed in item C. There will be no refund of the Office fee or USEF drug fee. Phone calls, messages and e-mail notification will not be accepted as cancellation.
- (d) No refunds of any type will be made if notice of cancellation is received later than the deadline of the NOON Monday before opening of the show office, or if the entry is a no-show, or for illness or injury at the show, or for weather, or other "acts of God".
- (h) No refunds if you have been requested to leave for not following the WEC dog rules.
- (i) No transfer of entries, stabling, or bedding from show to show, or exhibitor to exhibitor, will be allowed.

RETURNED CHECKS: Checks returned by a bank for any reason are regarded as a most serious offense and will be handled according to the following procedures. \$40.00 will be assessed for each returned check or any check with a stop payment. Accounts will be given ten (10) days to be paid in full or they will be turned into USEF for further disciplinary action.

CONFIRMATIONS AND RIDE TIMES:

- Entry confirmation and tentative ride times will be **e-mailed** to all riders after the closing date. The preliminary ride schedule will be posted on the web @ www.ridewec.com. All owners and trainers must contact the rider of the horse for other ride information.
- It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule. Ride times cannot be changed unless dire need is demonstrated and an equitable solution among all riders affected is available. Any changes in ride time must be in writing and processed by the Show Office. Any ride time change requested and granted after the show is scheduled will be assessed an additional \$10.00 per change.

- Riders should be aware that if the need arises, the Show Management can change rider times per USEF Rule, GR830. If Show Management changes ride times, the new Time Schedule will be posted on the scoreboards. It is the rider's responsibility to check the daily-posted ride schedule.

SHARPS CONTAINER:

Sharps containers will be located in the barn for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

SHOW and OFFICE HOURS:

- Show grounds are open for arrival AFTER 1:00 PM the day before the competition begins.
- For check-in, the office is open the evening prior to the first ride of the show from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.
- Office hours during the show days are as follows: Office opens one hour prior to the first ride of the day and closes one-half hour after the last ride.

STABLING & TACK STALLS:

- Stabling is done on a "first come first serve" basis". Stabling is allocated according to postmark for the two day and three day shows (exceptions: stabling for sequential shows, example: the "ONE DAY" and "Summer" show, is prioritized by postmark in the following order: (1) competitors entering both shows for all three days, (2) entries for the "Summer" show only for both days, and (3) entries for the "ONE DAY" show). You may not reserve stabling before your entry is received.
- All stabling will be in portable stalls (either 10x10 or 12x12) with full doors are available. Bring your own wheelbarrows, water buckets, and feed. Competitors are responsible for stall damage.
- Stabling in permanent stalls may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Tack stalls: May be assigned on a space available basis only. Include separate check for tack stall amount, which will be cashed **ONLY IF STALL IS ASSIGNED**.
- If a show is over-subscribed off-grounds stabling may be used. In the event your entry would require you occupy off-ground stabling, you will be contacted for you written/faxed/email approval. Every attempt will be made to keep competitor's stabling at the WEC facility.
- Day stalls are on a space available basis. Only one horse is allowed per day stall. Day stall pricing per calendar day, per horse, as listed for each show. Entry must include date of arrival. Horses must be out of the day-stall by the end of that day's competition or 5 PM whichever is earlier.

VOLUNTEERS: We are very grateful for all who volunteer. If you can volunteer, please contact the show office.

WASHINGTON STATE PARTICIPATION NOTICE: Washington State RCW 4.24 applies to all persons, including show participants, at Whidbey Equestrian Center at all times.

YOUNG RIDER CLASSES: Candidates for FEI Championships (NAYRC) are responsible for knowing and complying with the 2010 North American Young Riders' Championship Qualifying Criteria and Selection Procedures and all FEI and USEF rules regarding participation in qualifying competitions for this championship.



General regulations, policies and entry specifications

“EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.”

US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules are in force from the moment show management allows access to the show grounds. This includes conduct, correct saddlery and equipment, and attire.

Liability - Horses by their inherent nature present a risk. This show, the management, the USEF Licensee, and the facility will not be responsible for any loss or damage or injury to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way injured. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person, whomsoever, by any horse owned or exhibited by said exhibitor and shall indemnify the Association, or any member thereof, against all claims and demands, of any nature or kind, that may grow out of any injury occasioned by any horses owned or exhibited by the, or arise from the negligence of the person in charge of any such horse. All horses exhibited in this show participate entirely at the owner's risk. **Neither the Organizing Committee, show volunteers and staff, the facility or its owners, any host GMO, USEF or USDF or their members will be responsible for any damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses, or property of exhibitors or spectators. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.**

USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 nonmember registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

Exhibitors should exercise extreme caution before medicating their horses and should be aware of the US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules governing drugs and medications. Any questions about the use of certain medications and regarding Rule IV should be directed to: **USEF drugs and Medication Program, 3780 Ridge Mill Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026-9231 – Phone: (800) 633-2472**

Warning: Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who participates in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. Please be aware of the laws specific to the show location.

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USDF, United States Equestrian Federation) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition.

The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.

Important notice to all affected parties:

Third parties may come upon the property or enter the facilities where any herein described or listed event will occur; provided, that this is a license to enter the premises, for the purpose of observing or participating in the event, but not otherwise, and such license to any individual is subject to revocation by the owner, lessee or organizer, and entry for any purpose other than granted herein, shall be deemed criminal trespass and subject to appropriate legal proceedings.

Motorized Vehicles (In accordance with GR1301.7)

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

USEF and USDF Fees for all shows:

USDF Affidavit	\$5.00
USDF Horse ID	\$20.00
USDF Non Member	\$20.00
USEF Non Member	\$30.00
USEF Fee	\$15.00 (D & M \$7.00, USEF \$8.00) per USEF Horse

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 33,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved.

The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed.

Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life.

While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival.

As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

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**2010 USDF/DOVER SADDLERY
ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL PROGRAM**



The USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program is designed to specifically recognize and encourage adult amateurs riding at Second Level.

Awards

1. Dover Medal Class Winner -- The eligible rider with the highest score of **60%** or better in the designated Second Level Test Three Class or applicable test of choice USDF/Dover Adult Medal class at a participating competition will receive a handcrafted USDF/Dover pewter medal and neck ribbon. Winners will receive a \$20 Dover Saddlery Gift Certificate for each of the first three USDF/Dover Adult Medals they win during the competition season.
2. The USDF/Dover National Merit Award -- A USDF/Dover National Merit Award will be awarded to riders winning three USDF/Dover Medals in the same competition year.
3. Year End Awards -- The USDF/Dover Medal National Champion and Reserve Champion are determined by the average of the top three winning ride scores during the competition year. The Champion receives a \$1000 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and a Jaguar dressage saddle. The Reserve Champion receives a \$500 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and a Jaguar dressage bridle.

Rider Eligibility

To be eligible, a rider must meet the following criteria:

1. Rider must be a current USDF participating or group member at the time of the competition.
2. Rider must be an adult amateur in accordance with Article GR1306 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur as of the competition date.

Additional Information - For additional information and an updated list of competitions offering the USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal program please visit

[Http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp](http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp).